

§ 5.521 Verification of license, certificate or document.

(a) The Administrative Law Judge shall require the respondent to produce and present at the opening of the hearing, and on each day the hearing is in session thereafter, all valid licenses, certificates, and/or documents issued by the Coast Guard to the respondent. In the event that the respondent alleges that such license, certificate or document has been lost, misplaced, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise beyond his ability to produce, the respondent shall execute a lost document affidavit (Form CG-4363). The Administrative Law Judge shall warn the respondent that a willful misstatement of any material item in such affidavit is punishable as a violation of a Federal criminal statute. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

(b) When a hearing is continued or delayed, the Administrative Law Judge returns the license, certificate, or document to the respondent: unless a prima facie case has been established that the respondent committed an act or offense which shows that the respondent's service on a vessel would constitute a definite danger to public health, interest or safety at sea.

[CGD82-002, 50 FR 32184, Aug. 9, 1985, as amended by CGD 97-057, 62 FR 51042, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 5.567 Order.

(a) The Administrative Law Judge enters an order which recites the disposition of the case. When the finding is *not proved*, the Administrative Law Judge issues an order *dismissing* the proceeding with or without prejudice to refile. When the finding is *proved*, the Administrative Law Judge may order an *admonition*, *suspension* with or without probation, or *revocation*.

(b) The order is directed against all licenses, certificates or documents, except that in cases of negligence or professional incompetence, the order is made applicable to specific licenses, certificates or documents. If the Administrative Law Judge determines that the respondent is professionally incompetent in the grade of the license, certificate or document held, but is considered competent in a lower grade, the license, certificate or docu-

ment may be revoked and the issuance of one of a lower grade ordered.

(c) An order must specify whether the license, certificate or document affected is:

- (1) Revoked;
- (2) Suspended outright for a specified period after surrender;
- (3) Suspended for a specified period, but placed on probation for a specific period; or
- (4) Suspended outright for a specified period, followed by a specified period of suspension on probation.

(d) The order will normally state, *that the license, certificate or document is to be surrendered to the Coast Guard immediately*, if the order is one of revocation or includes a period of outright suspension. In cases involving special circumstances, the order may provide for surrender on a certain date.

(e) The time of any period of outright suspension ordered does not commence until the license, certificate or document is surrendered to the Coast Guard. The time of any period of suspension on probation begins at the end of any period of outright suspension or the effective date of the order if there is no outright suspension.

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§ 5.569 Selection of an appropriate order.

(a) This section addresses orders in a general manner. The selection of an appropriate order is the responsibility of the Administrative Law Judge, subject to appeal and review. The investigating officer and the respondent may suggest an order and present argument in support of this suggestion during the presentation of aggravating or mitigating evidence.

(b) Except for acts or offenses for which revocation is mandatory, factors which may affect the order include:

- (1) Remedial actions which have been undertaken independently by the respondent;
- (2) Prior record of the respondent, considering the period of time between prior acts and the act or offense for which presently charged is relevant; and